

November 17, 2025 - District 6 Area 31 - **Meeting Minutes**  
7PM (Zoom/In-Person)

Attendees

- Greg, DCM – In-Person
- Bonnie, Secretary – Zoom
- Justin - Treasurer
- Pat - In-Person
- Kathy (Guest) In-person
- Brian - Zoom
- Lynn - Zoom
- Judy - Zoom
- Paula - Zoom
- Ray – (Guest – Alt. Delegate) – In-Person

Greg opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Greg read what the GSR responsibilities are.

Bonnie summarized October's minutes.

**GSR Reports:**

- Pat - East Mountain Group, 7:00 p.m. Friday night at Western Mass Hospital, Westfield. 2 Speaker meeting, going very well, group is healthy. ~60 people including 15 group members who are very active with Service positions. Gandara girls are still coming down. Held elections last month – new GSR, Kathy, who will be rolling in attended to observe what we do at District meetings.
- Paula –Tuesday night Women's meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Enfield Congregational Church, Enfield. Going well, good participation, 30-40 women every week. Speaker/Step/Speaker/Tradition monthly rotation, many new women attending, group contributes to the pie chart. Had Annual Anniversary in October. No issues.
- Brendan - Southwick Sunday Big Book Step Group, 7:00 p.m. Sunday night at the Daily Grind. It is going well. Attendance is good, steady flow, about 40 each Sunday, newcomers coming in. Healthy group. Most group members all have service positions, very active. No issues.
- Judy – Service Sponsor. Member of Hand of Hope, Hazardville United Methodist Church. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Been contributing to the Area 31 pie chart.
- Brian – Westfield Tuesday night group. Meeting going well. New location (corner of Elm & Chappel St.) is nice, warm, very welcoming with better parking, better attendance - about 30-35 attendees. Tuesday night the group will celebrate 78 years of existence. Group has about 11 members along with new ones looking to get active with service. Healthy group, no issues. Helping keep people sober.

- Lynn – Hand of Hope, Hazardville United Methodist Church. Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. Average 25-30 people. Topic/discussion meeting. Coins are given out, healthy group, going very well.
- Jeanette - East of the River, Hazardville United Methodist Church. Noon on Wednesdays (Big Book) and Fridays (Living Sober). There are the old-timers that attend but most others work and are unable to attend, new people coming. Average 20 people. Donates to the pie. Questions regarding the group:
  - Church is asking them to sign the Hold Harmless Form. Does anybody have information on this? Nobody wants to sign it. Ray spoke to this question and will look into it further.
  - Meeting guide app change. Ray spoke to this question. This has been an ongoing issue, and it is being worked on.

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From the Area meeting, Greg reported on:

- Budgets. Treasurer's report on Budget balances:

Beginning October Balance	\$ 4,608.76
Group Contributions	\$ 1,897.44
Total Area Expenses	\$ 2,361.41
Closing October Balance	\$ 4,144.79
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$ 8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 12,645.79

- Breakdown of the budget format (Greg passed around the table). Layout of the 3 best options available to be voted on later by the Area Treasurer. Decision on which one would be better to utilize our funds.
- There was no October Area meeting due to the Fall Assembly.
- AA World Services and AA Grapevine are both looking for people.
  - AA Grapevine is looking for a Class A trustee for Board of Trustees (editor) (Amateur or Non-Alcoholic). November 12<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit application. See What's New or News on the Meeting Guide App for more information.
  - In need of a Publisher for service material.
- 61<sup>st</sup> MA State Convention – happened this past weekend.
- Northeast Regional Forum (NERF). December 5-7, 2025; Friday: 6:30 p.m.–Sunday: 12:00 p.m. Omni Providence Hotel, 1 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI. Free Registration and you must register! Registration is now open [aa.org](http://aa.org). Hotel rate

\$199/night – Book by November 12, 2025. 1-800-the-omni. Just reference NERF to receive the group rate.

- NERASA (Northeast Regional Area Service Assembly) is booking. February 20-22, 2026 – Holiday Inn by the Bay Hotel, 88 Spring Street, Portland ME. Holiday Inn by the Bay is sold out. Refer to [Hotel Information - NERAASA](#) for overflow hotels.
- Area Delegate sent a letter to CT to have four groups removed from Area 11 and be put in Area 31. They stated they are “technically removed” now from the system. However, the system was stating that the system had an overload or override. Steve indicated that he would continue to resolve this and make it a priority, even after he rolls out of the Delegate position if he has too.
- Intergroup held elections on Thursday and pulling slots for an Alkathon.
- Area 31 Concept Meeting – 30 Carew Street, S. Hadley. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, also available Hybrid.
- Area has a commitment November 21<sup>st</sup> at East Mountain Group, 7:00 p.m. Friday night at Western Mass Hospital, Westfield

Ray touched on:

- Intergroup elections:
  - Matt F. voted in as Chair
  - Steve B. voted in as Treasurer
- MA State Convention – ~762 total attendees. Energy there was electric.
- NERF
- NERASA
- Northeast Young People in AA (NEYPAA) – Holding conference January 9-11, 2026, in Manchester, NH.
- Spring Assembly (March?) will be held in District 6. District 6 to host it and run hospitality, etc. More to follow.
- Remind group members that they do not have to join an Area committee to attend meetings.
- Three things to consider about the Area:
  - Concept meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.
  - Outgoing speaking commitments – Area loves to come out and speak at group meetings.
  - Group inventories.

Justin – Treasurer

- Contributions - emphasis needed on contributing more.
- District 6 Votes/Elections. Effective January 1, 2026:
  - DCM - Pat
  - Co-DCM - Brendan
  - Secretary - Bonnie

New Business – None.

Old Business – None.

Brendan summarized Concept 9. Pat volunteered to summarize Chapter 3 at the next meeting.

No questions.

Next Meeting: December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Daily Grind and via zoom.

Meeting closed with the “I am Responsible Pledge.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Online platform: Zoom

Meeting ID: 850 5066 1264

Passcode: 862389

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Please see [Area 31 – Western Massachusetts – of Alcoholics Anonymous](#) for more information on meetings.